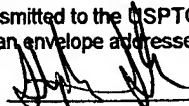


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In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005, submitted herewith is the following:

1. Amendment (17 pages)
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In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the present application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper, and include and one (1) replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.